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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2008 (hereinafter "the Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows and enter the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper. Amendments to Title, Drawings, and Specification are reflected on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

#### AMENDMENT TO TITLE

Please amend the title of the invention as follows:

Surgical Assembly having a Guide Block for Use in Surgery

#### AMENDMENT TO DRAWINGS

Please amend FIG. 1 to include a blade of a surgical tool shown extending through the slot 10 of the guide part 6 as depicted in the Annotated Sheet attached hereto.

#### AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATION

Please delete paragraph [0026] of the specification identified in the published patent application (see Pat. App. Pub. No. 2006/0155291), and substitute the following paragraph in its place (underlining showing the changes made relative to its previous version):

[0026] The guide part 6 of the fixation block has a slot 10 in it. The slot extends through the guide part so that a blade 11 of a surgical tool 13 (schematically shown in phantom) inserted into the slot can extend through it and be used to cut a bone to which the guide block is fixed. The slot will be dimensioned so that the blade is a sliding fit, as in existing cutting blocks.